

Province. Signed of Order. M. Bladen C.R. Assembly.
Sent by Major Dent, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Holland and Mr. Hawkin, Major
Ennalls, Major Thompson and Mr. Ferry.

Major Dent and Mr. Clarke return and say they have delivered the
message.

The Hon^{ble} Col^o George Robotham, Col^o Charles Scutchard and Col^o John
Addison come to this house from His Ex^c of the Gov^r and Council and
against the house that his Ex^c requires the presence of ye house immediately
at ye Council Chamber. The house adjourns for half an hour.

The house goe up to ye Council Chamber to attend His Ex^c of the Gov^r.
And carry with them all ye bills prepared by his Ex^c (to Mitt) -

The Bill for Assembling the publicke Levy.

When His Ex^c was pleased to acquaint ye house that he could not
assent to or prep ye Bill for Levyng and aspeing of ye publicke Levy as proposed
and therefore recommended that ye Game might be laid by ye Law by
ye Several Members of ye house, who were Justices of ye Provincial Court,
Attorneys &c - who would be obliged to attend ye Court there so there would
be ye less charge to the County - Also told them he must be acquainted
with ye laying thereof for that he would never assent to ye raising of
Money unless he was informed to what end and purpose.

Thereupon Mr. Speaker and ye rest of ye Members returne to the
house where being mett.

The Bill for ye laying and aspeing ye publicke Levy is reade and it
therein it plainly appears to what use and purpose the Tobacco therein
Mentioned to be Levyed is to be applied, viz.

To the Defraying ye necessary Charge of this Province as hath been
formerly used in this Province.

And thereupon put to ye Question - if this house will recede from
their former Method layed downe in ye said Bill.

Resolved Nominis Contradicente No to recede.

And thereupon the following message sent to His Ex^c of the Gov^r and
Council by Capt. Hill, Mr. Clarke, Major Smithson, Mr. Scutchard,
Major Ennalls and Major Bartow.

By ye House of Burgess May ye 13th 1696.

This house have revised and Considered of ye Bill by us proposed
for Levyng and aspeing of the publicke Levy of this Province, and after
finding that it plainly appears to what use and purpose ye Tobacco
therein Mentioned to be Levyed is to be applied to ye Defraying of ye necessary
Charge of this Province as hath been formerly used, thereupon Resolved
Nominis Contradicente, not to recede therefrom -

Signed of Dr. M. Bladen C.R. Assembly
Capt. Hill and the rest of ye Members returne and say they delivered ye message.